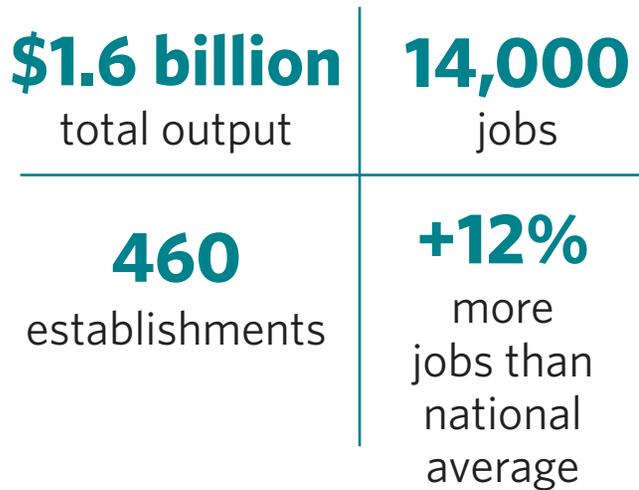


# Downstream Metals

This cluster manufactures metal containers, prefabricated metal structures, and end-user metal products, like ammunition, kitchenware, hardware, and metal home finishings. The technical report, *Metropolitan Chicago's traded industry clusters*, offers extensive data on the characteristics and performance of the Chicago region's core industrial assets since 2001, available for download at <https://cmap.is/Traded-Clusters>.

In the Chicago region in 2017, this cluster consisted of



Source: CMAP analysis of Economic Modeling Specialists International data (Emsi 2018.4).

Workers in this cluster tend to be **more** racially diverse than the regional labor force.

**54%** non-white

**23%** female

**39%** over age 50

**4%** commute by transit

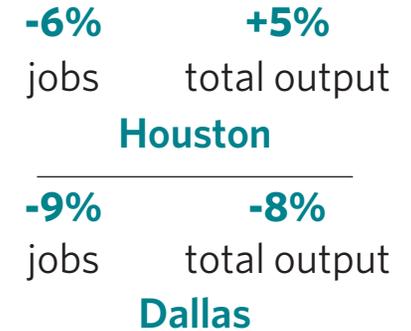


Source: CMAP analysis of Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, 2017 American Community Survey data.

## Largest occupations

- Assemblers
- Machinists
- Welders and Solderers
- Machine Setters
- First-Line Supervisors

In recent years, the cluster's competitive position **weakened** as it became **less specialized** in the national context.



Source: CMAP analysis of Economic Modeling Specialists International data (Emsi 2018.4).  
Note: Job change is from 2001-17, and total output change is from 2007-17.

Middle-skill workers have **greater** opportunity than the regional average.



**24%**

of workers have an associate's degree or higher



**63%**

of jobs typically require at least 2 months of on-the-job training

Source: CMAP analysis of Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, 2017 American Community Survey and Economic Modeling Specialists International data (Emsi 2018.4).

In 2016, this cluster generated approximately

**\$8.5 billion**

in freight shipments that originate, terminate, or circulate regionally.

## Freight mode share, by value



## Freight trade geography, by value



**15%**

Chicago region



**31%**

Midwest



**35%**

Rest of U.S.



**19%**

Global

Source: CMAP analysis of Freight Analysis Framework data (FAF 4.4.1).  
Note: Data includes only the Illinois portion of the U.S. Census Bureau combined statistical area. Freight data is not provided for service clusters.